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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 4, 2002 and the Advisory Action dated January 21, 2003, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please amend the claims 1, 9, 12, 22, 23, and 28, add claims 29-32, and cancel claims 13, 20-21, and 27 as follows:

1. (Twice Amended) An apparatus, comprising:

a vacuum chamber wall defining a main cavity and an opening;

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